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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER TRANSITIONING TO SBA LOAN OUTREACH CENTER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – To continue helping survivors of the spring storms, tornadoes and flooding, the disaster recovery center in Shelby County is transitioning to a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan outreach center.

The disaster recovery center, on Mullins Station Road in Memphis, has been serving Tennesseans for nearly two months. It will close at 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 7, and will be replaced the next day by the SBA disaster loan outreach center

The location and hours of operation for the SBA center are as follows:

Shelby County Administration Building
1075 Mullins Station Road
Room C-118
Memphis, Tenn. 38134
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through July 14 except for Saturday, July 9, and Sunday, July 10, when the center will be closed.

SBA and Federal Emergency Management Agency representatives will be at the center to assist visitors. Through the SBA loan program, homeowners can borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters alike may be eligible for as much as \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

Businesses of any size and private nonprofit organizations can receive up to \$2 million to repair or replace real estate, machinery, equipment, inventory and other assets.

For more information about SBA loans, call **800-659-2955**. The TTY number is **800-877-8339**. Online, go to www.sba.gov.

Individuals can register with FEMA or ask questions about an existing application by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** from **7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CDT**. The TTY number is **800-462-7585**. Or go online to **www.disasterassistance.gov** or through smartphone or tablet to **m.fema.gov**.

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The registration deadline for FEMA and SBA assistance is Aug. 9, 2011.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's housing assistance and Other Needs Assistance grants for medical, dental, and funeral expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be considered for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. Applicants who do not qualify for a SBA loan may be eligible to receive Other Needs Assistance grants for these items.

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